

Iowa Department of Corrections

Inmate Labor

1. For 2006, a total of 1,203 inmates were employed through Iowa Prison Industries (IPI):
 - 351 inmates were employed in traditional industries.
 - 760 inmates were employed by private sector employers.
 - 92 inmates were employed at IPI farms.

2. For FY 2006, IPI inmate labor hours totaled 1.3 million:
 - 717,000 hours in traditional industries labor.
 - 316,000 hours in private sector labor.
 - 277,000 hours in IPI farm labor.

3. IPI inmate labor trends/facts:
 - Traditional industries sales and productivity have more than doubled in the past 20 years.
 - Traditional industries is likely to experience greater growth over the next ten years in service-oriented ventures.
 - Private sector jobs are the fastest growing jobs nationally.
 - Private sector jobs are the most volatile, highly dependent on a strong economy.
 - A University of Baltimore study found that recidivism rates are lower for inmates involved in IPI than for other inmates.

4. For FY 2006, there were 11,778 inmate work crews:
 - Comprising a total of 71,590 offenders
 - Performing 698,688 hours of labor
 - At a cost of \$804,462
 - Producing estimated benefits of \$6,986,876

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